

Application No. 10/762,068

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A file cabinet seat support for use in a vehicle having a cab with a seat and floor, said file cabinet comprising:
 - a base;
 - upstanding side walls forming an enclosure; and
 - ~~said drawer comprising a file compartment connected to said enclosure;~~
 - said cabinet disposed between the cab seat and the cab floor and supporting the cab seat above the floor; and
 - wherein said cab seat is a front seat so that a vehicle operator can easily access the drawer without having to exit the vehicle.
2. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the seat is a passenger seat disposed adjacent to the vehicle operator's seat.
3. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said drawer is oriented, and comprises an opening directed toward, said vehicle operator or a front passenger seat.
4. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a small compartment for holding objects.
5. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 4, wherein said compartment is disposed on an outer door face of said drawer.
6. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is a large commercial truck of United States Department of Transportation Class 6, 7, 8, or 9.

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7. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a first set of fasteners connecting said cabinet to the cab floor and a second set of fasteners to connect said cabinet to the cab seat.

8. (original): The cabinet of claim 7 wherein said second set of fasteners connect to the seat so that the seat lifts away from said cabinet from one edge of said upper surface of said cabinet.

9. (original): The cabinet of claim 8 wherein the top of said cabinet comprises a tabletop.

10. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a backrest disposed on the seat that is foldable forward and comprises a tabletop.

11. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said cabinet is integral to the seat.

12. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a locking component disposed on said drawer.

13. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 12 wherein said locking component is engageable in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle when the vehicle is moving.

14. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 13 wherein said locking component is in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, and said locking component engageable in response to an on or off signal from the vehicle.

15. (original): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said drawer comprises a plurality of fasteners to position files in said cabinet when said drawer is closed.

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16. (currently amended): A container for use in a vehicle, said container comprising:
a base disposed within a driver compartment of said vehicle;
upstanding side walls;
an upper surface forming an enclosure;
a door; and
a locking component disposed on said door, said locking component in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, and said locking component engageable in response to an said on or off signal from the vehicle.

17. (currently amended): A method for using a cabinet in a vehicle having a cab with a seat and floor, comprising the steps of:
providing a base;
providing upstanding side walls;
providing an upper surface forming an enclosure with the sidewalls;
providing connecting a drawer to the enclosure;
disposing the cabinet between the cab seat and floor, the cabinet supporting the cab seat;
locking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned on via a locking component in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, and said locking component engageable with an "on" signal from the vehicle; and
unlocking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned off via an unlocking component engageable with an "off" signal from the vehicle.

18. (original): The method of claim 17 wherein the steps of locking and unlocking the cabinet comprise engaging and disengaging the locking and unlocking component in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle.

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19. (currently amended): A method for using a container in a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

providing a base;

providing upstanding side walls;

providing an upper surface forming an enclosure with the side walls;

providing a door;

locking the container when the vehicle is turned on via a locking component in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, and said locking component engageable with an "on" signal from the vehicle; and

unlocking the container when the vehicle is turned off via an unlocking component engageable with an "off" signal from the vehicle.

20. (original): The method of claim 19 wherein the steps of locking and unlocking the container comprise engaging and disengaging the locking and unlocking component in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle.